

Congress to Act This Week on D. C. Pay Raises

Expected to Speed Retroactive \$330 for 18,000 Workers

Congress is expected to speed bills this week to provide long-delayed \$330 retroactive pay raises for all 18,000 District government workers.

Facing the end of this fiscal year June 30, legislators expect even greater speed on vital money bills, including the 1950 annual District supply measure, and the second deficiency bill with funds for many postponed pay days.

The record-breaking \$103,132,153 supply bill, reported to the Senate Friday by the Senate Appropriations Committee may be called up for action tomorrow. If approved, it would go to conference with the House.

The second deficiency bill conference report with funds for many agencies also may be called up on the Senate floor tomorrow after having been delayed for several days. It carries money for several urgent needs of the District, including back pay for the District rent administrator's office, whose employees have not been paid since April 26.

Other D. C. Bills Pending. Congressional consideration also is expected this week on many District matters, including appropriations proposed to clear slums, additional judges for municipal courts, pay increases for present jurists on that court, and day care centers for children of working mothers.

The \$330 retroactive pay raise legislation may get action on both the House and Senate sides of the Capitol soon.

First vote may be on the House floor tomorrow when the bill for 8,000 classified workers of the District is called up for action. This measure was reported favorably last week by the House Civil Service Committee.

If passed, it will go to the Senate, where Chairman Johnston of the Civil Service Committee has pledged quick action. This committee will hold a regular meeting Tuesday, when the measure might be considered.

No Hearings on Bill. The House-passed bill for \$330 retroactive pay raise for policemen, firemen, teachers and other workers will be one of several measures to come before the Senate District Committee at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

Chairman McGrath of this committee has indicated he sees no need for public hearings on this pay bill, so committee approval Tuesday is expected. A clarifying amendment may be added, however, purely technical in nature.

The District Committee also will consider two different bills for increasing the pay of Municipal Court Judges. A House-passed bill would raise salaries for associate judges of both the Municipal Court and the Municipal Court of Appeals to \$12,500, and those of the chief judges of these two courts to \$13,000. A Senate bill would raise associate judges of Municipal Court to \$13,000, and its chief judge to \$13,500; but associate judges of the Appeals Court to \$14,000 and its chief judge to \$14,500.

Senator Margaret Chase Smith, Republican of Maine, may report for a District subcommittee on the measure to establish two permanent judges for the juvenile court, with an amendment to provide for publication of statistics of court cases, but not personal identities or case details. The full District Committee may take action on this issue.

Marshall Heights Plan Up. Other measures on the District Committee docket would require that stop payment orders on bank checks be submitted in writing, and that District Commissioners may authorize contracting officers to sign contracts up to \$5,000, instead of the present limit of \$1,000. Meantime a House Appropriations subcommittee holding executive hearings on items for the final deficiency bill will hear testimony tomorrow in support of the request of President Truman for \$2,180,000 to be used by the District Redevelopment Land Agency on the Marshall Heights project in Northeast Washington.

Action on this request, however, probably will not be disclosed until the full House Appropriations Committee reports the last deficiency bill of this session to the House.

Several widely different proposals for financing slum clearance already have been considered by Congressional Committees—but so far without any decision. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant, III, U. S. A., retired, speaking for the National Capitol Park and Planning Commission, recently urged a Senate subcommittee to appropriate \$5,000,000 for slum clearance in the new fiscal year, together with \$5,000,000 in contract authority for 1951.

\$20,000,000 Grant Urged. Senator McCarran, Democrat of Nevada, author of the 1946 District Redevelopment Act, has been urging a full grant of \$20,000,000 for a revolving fund for rebuilding blighted areas.

A House District Subcommittee will hold a meeting 10 a.m. Tuesday on three minor bills to: Remove the requirement of residence in the District for membership on the District Commission on Mental Health; provide for admission of pay patients to the Home for the Aged and Infirmed; and provide for issuance of a District chiropractic license to Abraham J. Ehrlich.

Another House District Subcommittee will hold a public hearing at 2 p.m. Wednesday on a bill to

Community Movie Program Gets Under Way Tomorrow

Beginning tomorrow night, the public again will be able to attend free outdoor movies when The Evening Star community movie program gets under way on Recreation Department playgrounds.

Lively comedies, animated cartoons and authoritative sports shorts are among the subjects included in the showings, which will be introduced on 14 playgrounds beginning at 9 p.m.

By the end of the week, programs will have been presented at 64 playgrounds and by September 1, when the outdoor theaters close, 500 shows will have been given at 81 playgrounds in the District.

Each individual program is made up of five short subjects and runs about an hour. The films are being presented by The Star in co-operation with the Recreation Department and The Film Center, 915 Twelfth street N.W.

More than 250,000 persons, young and old, are expected to attend this summer's shows. Last year they were viewed by 150,000.

The season's schedule has been worked out so that no program is presented twice at the same playground. The short subjects, selected to interest all age groups, were chosen by representatives of the Recreation Department, Parent-Teacher Associations and The Film Center.

Members of the Recreation Department who aided in the program are: Robert Andrews, Harry English, Miss June Blair, James Geater, Miss Beatrice Sudan and Clint Price.

Included in the presentations will be Abbott and Costello shorts, last year's favorite comedians; Laurel and Hardy comedies; Mickey Rooney starring in Mickey McGuire films; Joe Louis fight shots, musicals, westerns and animated characters such as Woody Woodpecker.

Posters, giving the entire individual seasonal schedules will be placed on all the playgrounds. From Monday through Friday each day throughout the 10-week season, The Star will print a list of playgrounds showing where the films will be shown that night.

Here are the playgrounds where the films will be shown this week:

Kennilworth, Kennilworth avenue and Ord street N.E.

Highland, Highlands, 600 Yuma street S.E.

Belmont, Belmont avenue and Chesapeake S.W.

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Bald Eagle, Nichols avenue and Joliet street S.W.

Gallinger, Twenty-second and F streets N.W.

Virginia Avenue, Ninth street and Virginia avenue S.E.

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Revision Drafted For District's Traffic Code

Plan Would Align Regulations With Truman Proposals

Revision of the District's traffic regulations to bring them in conformity with the National Uniform Vehicle Code, as advocated by the President's Traffic Safety Conference, will be proposed to the Commissioners Tuesday.

Meanwhile, it was learned that another move is under consideration which would compel motorists here to be responsible financially in case of personal or property damage, or lose their driving permits.

A legislative amendment proposed by Traffic Director George E. Keneipp is being drafted in the Corporation Counsel's Office for submission to the Commissioners. It would tighten the present law and also bring it in line with the national uniform code.

Present Law Cited. As the law stands, an injured party must sue to recover damages where the motorist will not be responsible voluntarily. Failure to pay a judgment results in a loss of permit by the driver.

Under Mr. Keneipp's proposal, which would have to be approved by the Commissioners, both parties would be required to submit a report of an accident involving damage to person or property to the District traffic department.

A person found potentially liable for damage would have to show financial responsibility through insurance or put up cash or a bond. Failure to do this would result in permit suspension until claims had been met.

The proposed change would not apply to persons whose cars were being driven without their express or implied consent, whose cars were legally parked or who suffered property damage only to their own cars.

Regulation in Effect. The proposed regulation is in effect in Maryland and Virginia, Mr. Keneipp explained. He said he believed it would have a salutary effect in accident reduction by removing from the street motorists of proved financial irresponsibility.

Such relics from another era as the provisions pertaining to acetone headlamps would be stricken from the regulations under the rewrite to be suggested to the city heads at their board meeting Tuesday.

The suggested revisions, which differ from the present regulations principally in wording, sequence and breakdown, represent two-and-a-half-years' work by a committee, including Mr. Keneipp.

Hardly Noticeable. Mr. Keneipp and Police Supt. Robert J. Barrett will discuss proposed changes with the city heads.

While the revisions would not be particularly noticeable to the average motorist—the driver's handbook here would not have to be changed—their adoption would put the District among the leaders in the country in conformity to the uniform code.

This is advocated by the President's conference of traffic leaders on grounds it creates better understanding of the traffic laws in all cities and thus cuts down accidents.

While the major driving rules, such as speed limits, stop signs and right of way, would not be affected, the proposed regulations would be broken down, for one thing, into more subjects for quicker location of the pertinent rules.

Some Up to Congress. Some of the revisions would require congressional action, and the complete regulations would have to be advertised and printed after approval by the Commissioners before going into effect, it was learned.

The committee which devoted its Monday afternoon to comparing the District's regulations with those of the uniform code for more than two years and drew up the proposed revisions includes:

Mr. Keneipp, Nathan R. Lubar, Inspector Arthur E. Miller of the Traffic Division, M. O. Eldredge, former assistant director of vehicles and traffic; Robert D. Wise, Wallace Braun, deputy director of vehicles and traffic, and William J. Quinn.

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Visit Andrews Base

A Red Cross bloodmobile will visit Andrews Air Force Base from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday to collect blood for military and civilian personnel at the base can make their first group blood donation, it was announced today.

The only other bloodmobile stop this week will be at St. John's Parish House in Hagerstown, Md., from noon to 6 p.m. Monday. During the last week, bloodmobile donations and those at the regional blood center totaled 484 pints, the Red Cross said.

Hospitals in the District received 273 pints, with 211 going to institutions in nearby Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia.

Dance Recital at Landover

A dance recital, "On With the Show," will be presented by the Landover Hills (Md.) Women's Club at 8:15 p.m. tomorrow at the Landover Hills Elementary School auditorium. Proceeds will go toward the school's library funds.

Bradbury Heights Meeting

The Bradbury Heights Citizens Association will meet at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the Coral Hall, Marlboro pike and the District 1

Clay Guthridge, PBA Expert, Is Retiring

By Nelson M. Sheppard

Clay J. Guthridge of the Public Buildings Administration is exchanging a million headaches from nearly 17 years of wrestling with Federal office space problems for peaceful retirement in Florida after June 30.

He is the man who directed the world's biggest and toughest office assignment job for the Capital's 260,000 wartime workers, requiring the equivalent desk space of 17 Empire State buildings or about eight Pentagons.

"There is never a permanent solution to the problem of Government office space," Mr. Guthridge explained yesterday. "After the recession from the war peak, the total employees dropped to 167,000 in November, 1947. Now the needle is pointing steadily upward again to 180,000. That means we've been renting back space in buildings released months ago."

When it comes to taking the bumps of a job, Mr. Guthridge is as resilient as a rubber ball. At 65 he is looking forward to years of golfing and fishing with Mrs. Guthridge at Bradenton, Fla., because he expects to keep young acting as an architectural consultant to Florida bankers.

Was Architect for 20 Years.

For 20 years before coming to Washington from White Plains, N. Y., he was an architect specializing in bank buildings. He has planned them in all sections, including the Washington Loan and Trust Co. building here. He also planned the first Acacia Building at 101 Indiana avenue N.W., since changed to the Home Owners Loan Corp.

No man is more familiar with the trials and tribulations of trying to find more office space for the Capital's mushrooming agencies. "Former Secretary of the Interior Ickes, my one-time boss, summed it up once," he explained, "when he spoke of 'clamorous agencies seeking nonexistent space.'"

Mr. Guthridge learned about space control problems the hard way. He first felt official headaches attending the growing pains of the Roosevelt New Deal. Then came the defense period and after Pearl Harbor the hard and bitter experiences associated with rapidly expanding and multiplying military and civilian agencies.

"The end of the shooting only brought on the problem of reconversion to peacetime footing, from decentralization to recentralization in Washington. And the end isn't in sight yet," he said.

Has Acted as Consultant. Mr. Guthridge won't be here to worry about it, but the PBA already is beginning to look warily ahead to another period of shuffling and reshuffling of office space here when reorganization of the Executive Department becomes a reality.

About two years ago Mr. Guthridge relinquished the more arduous duties of space control to L. J. Ziernicki. Since then the PBA has been drawing on his experiences as consultant in overall control and long-ranged planning.

It was 15 years ago when he first began worrying about space control in Washington. In 1934 the Government occupied about 12,000,000 square feet of building space—office and storage—for a mere handful of 60,000 employees in the Executive branch. Even then the Government was leasing about 2,000,000 square feet of space in Washington buildings.

That was a waste of funds to the economy-minded Mr. Ickes, who was forced to admit at last that there appeared to be no solution to the mounting Federal rent bill so long as alphabetical agencies were being created monthly.

By June 30, 1945, the peak of wartime employment, 260,000 of workers and uncountable tons of supplies were packed in 35,000,000 square feet of building space. Of this amount, 7,000,000 square feet of space was leased from private owners.

Many Bureaus Transferred. To accomplish this feat in space



Wrestling day in and day out with the Federal Government's problem of finding office space in Washington for its thousands of workers is a thing of the past for Clay J. Guthridge of the Public Buildings Administration. Or it will be, certainly, after June 30 when he retires from nearly 17 years of headaches to the fish-infested waters of Florida. —AP Photo.

allocation, Government bureaus were transferred from Washington to Baltimore, New York, Chicago and other cities. After the war they clamored to get back to Washington and some of them did come back, causing more shuffling of desk space in old-line buildings.

"Now we can't even get rid of the unsightly temporary buildings," Mr. Guthridge explained. "As much as responsible Government officials want to see them go, they can't be removed until permanent or additional office space is provided, or until the total of Government personnel in Washington is reduced to a prewar level."

Compared with the wartime peak, 180,000 workers now are accommodated in buildings with about 31,000,000 square feet of usable space, including storage. That is still three times the amount of workers and space than the Government required in 1934.

The rent bill has dropped until now the Government is leasing only 2,600,000 square feet of space—still considerably more than before the huge Federal Triangle buildings were constructed and others added.

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Dr. Mousel Indicates He Is Leaving Staff Of G. W. U. Hospital

By George Beveridge

Dr. Lloyd H. Mousel has indicated he will leave his job as chief of anesthesiology at the George Washington University Hospital September 1, the university announced last night.

The physician, who also is professor of anesthesiology at the university medical school, said reports of a change in both positions were "substantially correct," but refused to go into the reasons.

Dr. Mousel indicated he would issue a statement about the change this week, and added: "The only thing I want to say now is that I have not resigned."

Coakley Slated as Successor. Victor Ludewig, superintendent of the hospital, said Dr. Mousel will be succeeded by Dr. Charles S. Coakley, assistant professor at the medical school and associate in anesthesiology at the hospital.

Several sources said Dr. Mousel has expressed dissatisfaction with financial arrangements proposed recently by the hospital.

Mr. Ludewig's statement, meanwhile, said Dr. Mousel is "one of the leading anesthesiologists in the country" and that he "is held in high esteem by his colleagues on the medical and hospital staff and we wish him well in his new endeavor."

Served at Walter Reed. Dr. Mousel, who was trained at the Mayo Clinic, served at Walter Reed Hospital during the war and came to G. W. about three years ago. He also, in conjunction with the chief of the Georgetown University department, has played a major part in control of the anesthesiology program at Gallinger Hospital.

Dr. Coakley, who was graduated from the G. W. Medical School in 1937, joined the hospital staff soon afterwards and was named clinic instructor in 1940. After two years of service in the Marine Corps, he returned to the university in 1946 and was named assistant professor under Dr. Mousel early last year.

The present staff at the hospital includes three full-time anesthesiologists and six doctors in two-year residency training programs.

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Falls Church Veteran

George H. Thigpen, II, Idylwood, Falls Church, was one of 29 University of Virginia graduates selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic society, it was announced yesterday.

A graduate of the School of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Thigpen, 26-year-old veteran, is the son of Roy M. Thigpen, a Star distributor in Arlington.

140 Injured Here During Week in Home Accidents

Home accidents accounted for injuries to 140 District residents last week—the highest number of the year—the District Red Cross reported last night.

Several cuts due to handling electric fans, brought out to combat last week's hot weather, were among the injuries. Also included were 63 falls, 10 burns, two poisonings, and seven patients with foreign objects caught in their ears, stomachs or throats.

Three adults died from falls at home.

In a pre-Fourth of July celebration, a 5-year-old girl was injured by a sparkler thrown by a playmate, and a six-month old baby girl was treated for a neck injury incurred when she caught her head between a mattress and crib bars.

Girl, 4, and Woman Hurt by Automobile

A 4-year-old girl and a Bethesda woman were injured yesterday in automobile accidents in Montgomery County.

The girl, Ann Martin Harper of Oak Hill, W. Va., was struck in the 7700 block of Takoma avenue, Takoma Park, after she had run out from in front of a parked car, police said.

She was taken to Washington Sanitarium, where she was admitted with a concussion and fractured shoulder. Her condition was described as good.

Police said Ann and her mother, Mrs. Una V. Harper, were visiting relatives in Takoma Park. They identified the driver of the car as Donald J. Shanklin, Silver Spring.

Miss Gertrude Hummill, 23, of the 5800 block of Wilmet road, Bethesda, was injured when her car skidded on the wet street and collided with another automobile at Wisconsin avenue and Chevy Chase boulevard.

She was taken by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad to Suburban Hospital, Bethesda, where she was admitted with a fractured leg and cuts on the face and body.

Recreation Board to Hear Citizens' Views Tuesday

The District Recreation Board will hold its annual meeting, at which citizens offer their views on recreation facilities, at 9 p.m. Tuesday in the District Building.

Harry S. Wender, board chairman, asked that civic organizations send only one spokesman each to present the organizations' requests for community recreation needs. The requests will be considered when the Recreation Board makes up its 1951 budget estimates, he explained.

Report Charges Trade Schools Exploit Veterans

Apprentice Council Says Only One in 20 Graduates Get Jobs

A report charging that most privately operated trade schools in Washington are exploiting veterans has been sent to the Commissioners by the District Apprenticeship Council.

There are about 25 trade schools in the District, according to the report, and most of them have been established since the passage of the GI bill of Rights with its cash payments for veterans' training.

During the last three years, the report says, more than 1,000 veterans have been graduated from these schools in about 20 different trades but only one in 20 has been able to get a job "remotely related to the training."

The Apprenticeship Council, created by an act of Congress, supervises apprenticeship standards. It consists of 10 members appointed by the Commissioners, three employers, three representatives of labor, and one representative each from the Labor Department's Bureau of Apprenticeship, the Board of Education, the United States Employment Service and the Veterans Administration. Milton H. Stevens is chairman.

Only a Partial Report. Commissioner Guy Mason said the report is only a partial one and he had no comment because he had just begun to study it.

Mr. Mason asked the Apprenticeship Council to send him a report earlier this month. The request was made after the Commissioners received a complaint from a veteran about one school. The council already had started an investigation of its own before the Commissioners' request was received.

In the report sent to Mr. Mason, the council recommended that the Commissioners appoint a committee composed of local representatives of labor and management to "explore" the problem. The report pointed out that both the Building and Construction Trades Council and the Columbia Typographical Union No. 101 have joined the Apprenticeship Council in urging an investigation.

The report said that "more and more GI graduates of these schools, presumably fully trained mechanics and craftsmen, are approaching local employers for employment."

"According to reports from these employers, many of them non-union, none are qualified journeymen and few have had more than elementary training though they attended private schools for periods up to 30 months," the report stated.

Long Waiting Lists. It added: "Though these graduates of private trade schools, in desperation, offer to forget their months of school training and accept positions as beginner apprentices, local employers are unable to accommodate them."

The report said employers in Washington are now training all the GI apprentices they can properly train and absorb and most of them have long waiting lists of GIs employed temporarily in other departments waiting to enter an apprenticeship.

"The chances of graduates of private trade schools entering apprenticeships, even as beginners, are almost nonexistent," it declared.

The council's report said it does not have the staff to handle routine problems, much less an investigation. It urged the Commissioners to conduct such an investigation "in the public interest."

ADA Unit Urges Truman Not to Reappoint Flanagan

The Washington chapter of Americans for Democratic Action has urged President Truman not to reappoint James H. Flanagan as a member of the Public Utilities Commission. It was announced yesterday.

The group made public a telegram to the President, which charged Mr. Flanagan "has failed to protect the public interest so far as utility regulation is concerned to the extent that is expected and should be required of a member of that commission."

The announcement said the message was signed by Benjamin C. Sigal, chapter president; Frances Adams and Gerhard Van Arkel, vice presidents; David Gordon, secretary; and Thomas Keene, treasurer.

Damascus Lions Club Elects Perry Burdette

Perry Burdette, Woodfield, Md., builder and contractor,